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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
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Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON & CHINA.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

THE following Rates of Interest are allowed on FIXED DEPOSITS:—

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
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H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

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(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

RECOGNISED by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30th APRIL, 1862.

CAPITAL FULLY PAID-UP, £3,200,000. RESERVE FUND, £800,000.

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The Hongkong Agency receives Fixed Deposits on Terms to be ascertained, on application, grants Drafts and Credits on all parts of the World, and transacts every description of Banking Exchange Business.
E. G. VOUILLEMONT,
Manager, Shanghai.
Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

Banks.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £1,500,000.

RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

At 3 months' notice 3 1/2 per Annum.
" 6 " " 4 " "
" 12 " " 5 " "

Current Accounts kept on Terms which may be learnt on application.

GEO. O. SCOTT,
Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,
Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £300,000. RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.
THE CITY BANK.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. ALEXANDER C. LEVISOHN retired from our Firm in Hongkong and China on the 31st of December last, and Mr LORENZ POESNECKER was admitted a PARTNER therein on the same day.
Mr JULIUS KRAMER has been authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procurator at CANTON.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Hongkong, October 11, 1879. no11

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr JOHN FAIRBAIRN in our Firm here and in Yokohama, CEASED on the 31st March, 1879.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, October 6, 1879. no6

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has established himself at the Premises formerly occupied by LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co., Peddar's Wharf, as

AUCTIONEER, APPRAISER AND COMMISSION AGENT.

All GOODS entrusted for SALE will be fully covered by FIRE INSURANCE.

G. R. LAMBERT.

Hongkong, July 1, 1879.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr C. BRAUN in our Firm, CEASED on the 23rd September A.C.

Mr C. STIEBEL is authorized to SIGN our Firm.

BEISS & Co.,
Hongkong, Shanghai, Yokohama.

Hongkong, October 3, 1879. ja3

NOTICE.

FROM the 1st of OCTOBER, DR EASTLAKE will receive his PATIENTS at his new DENTAL ROOMS, No. 53, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, over the MEDICAL HALL.

Hongkong, September 23, 1879.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, in Quarts and Pints.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, May 26, 1879.

FOR SALE.

THEOPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, awarded the GOLD MEDAL at the PARIS EXHIBITION.

DRY VERZENAY MOUSSEUX: Quarts, \$17 per Case of 1 doz. Pints, \$18 " of 2 doz.

MEYER & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, August 21, 1879. 21fe90

For Sale.

FOR SALE,

EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

DEVOS'S NONPAREIL KEROSENE OIL (Certified 150° Fire Test).
The New STUDENTS' READING LAMPS for Nonpareil Kerosene, (are perfectly Safe and give a Light equal to, but more mellow than Gas).
AMERICAN FLOOR OIL-CLOTH in New Patterns.

LIGNUM, the New Floor-Cloth for Halls and surrounding Billiard Tables.
Royal IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.
COLT'S POCKET DERRINGER PISTOLS.
AMERICAN DINING-ROOM CHAIRS.
PERAMBULATORS. RIDING and DRIVING WHIPS.

BRIDLES. GARDENING TOOLS.
HORSE CLIPPERS. CUMSHAW TEA.
TODDY KETTLES. RUG STRAPS.
LAWN TENNIS SETS. PAINT BOXES.
PENKNIVES. RAZORS. SCISSORS.

SPONGES. PLAYING CARDS. PERFUMERY.
CHUBB'S CASH BOXES. New MEERSCHAUMS.
Well-Seasoned MANILA CIGARS and CHEROOTS.
UNDERSHIRTS and ASSORTED HOSIERY.
VEGETABLE, FLOWER and LAWN GRASS SEEDS.

New SCARFS, TIES, BRACES, &c.
WALKING STICKS and UMBRELLAS.
GOLDEN GATE BAKER'S EXTRA FLOUR.
FRESH HAMS and CHEESE. New HATS.
COIR DOOR MATS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879. nol

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH

BEG to intimate to all Desiring to Subscribe to ENGLISH, AMERICAN, FRENCH or GERMAN NEWSPAPERS or MAGAZINES for the Whole or Half of the Year 1880—that all Orders must be Received by the FIRST WEEK in November to insure their arrival. A Revised List is now ready and can be obtained on application. All Papers delivered immediately on receipt of Mail. Special Arrangements made with Clubs and Societies.
QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, October 17, 1879. oc31

G. FALCONER & Co.,

WATCH AND CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, AND JEWELLERS.
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS AND BOOKS.
46, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, October 20, 1879. no20

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have THIS DAY been appointed LLOYD'S AGENTS at this Port.

MARTIN, DYCE & Co.
Batavia, August 1, 1879. oc23

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the SOCIETY will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, HONGKONG, on MONDAY, the 27th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., for the Purpose of Receiving the Report of the Directors to, either with Statements of Accounts for the Year 1878, and for the Half-year ending 30th June, 1879.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, October 11, 1879. oc27

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, IN LIQUIDATION.

A TENTH RETURN of CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO TAELS per SHARE, will be made to Shareholders of Record on 18th October, Payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, 20th October.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 20th July, inclusive.

By Order,
RUSSELL & Co.,
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 1, 1879. no6

HONGKONG WHARF & GODOWNS.

GOODS RECEIVED on STORAGE at Moderate Rates, in FIRST-CLASS GODOWNS, under European supervision; and VESSELS Discharged alongside the Wharf, on favorable Terms, with quick despatch. Also entire Godowns to be let.

MEYER & Co.
Hongkong, October 1, 1879. nol

Intimations.

HONGKONG ARTILLERY VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERLY ROOM, 11th Oct., 1879.
RECRUIT and M. L. GUN DRILL at MURRAY BATTERY on TUESDAYS, at 5.15 p.m., at which all MEMBERS who have not passed these DRILLS are requested to attend.

FIELD GUN DRILL at the NORTH BARRACKS on THURSDAYS, at 5.15 p.m.

A. COXON,
Captain-Commandant H. K. A. V.

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, and TO THE 30th JUNE, 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a LIST of their CONTRIBUTIONS from the 1st January, 1878, to the 30th June, 1879, in Order that the Portion of the NET PROFITS to be Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st OCTOBER NEXT will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 2, 1879. nol

F. VINCENT,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANT, AND STOREKEEPER, HONGKONG.

BEGS to inform his Patrons and the Public generally that he has received a Large Assortment of FRENCH WINES, LIQUORS, SPIRITS, and STORES of the BEST QUALITY (French Produce).

N.B.—F. V. is ready to supply at any of the Coast Ports, as well as in Hongkong, any quantity that may be required to suit Purchasers.

F. VINCENT,
No. 4, Peel Street.

Hongkong, October 10, 1879. nol0

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS will visit SHANGHAI during the Summer Months, leaving Hongkong on the 1st of April next, and returning about 1st November.

Hongkong, February 10, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA.

The Steamship "DIAMANTE," Capt. TREAU, will be despatched for the above Port on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd Inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, October 18, 1879. oc22

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "DEUVALON," Capt. R. J. BROWN, will be despatched on or about the 28th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1879.

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCCIDENTAL & ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

NOTICE.

The Steamship "OCEANIC," Captain J. METCALFE, will be despatched hence for LONDON via SUEZ CANAL on THURSDAY, October 23rd, at Noon.

FIRST-CLASS FARE to LONDON, \$300. For Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

H. M. BLANCHARD,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, October 16, 1879. oc23

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "ORESTES," Capt. J. K. WEBSTER, will be despatched on or about the 30th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1879.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all Australasian and New Zealand Ports.

TASMANIA, NEW CALEDONIA & FIJI.

The Company's Steamer "OCEAN,"

H. WEBSTER, Commander, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 30th Inst., at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.

Hongkong, October 17, 1879. oc30

FOR SINGAPORE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling off the usual Coast Ports, and taking through Cargo and Passengers for New Zealand.)

The Eastern and Australian Mail Steam Co.'s Steamer "BRISBANE,"

will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 3rd Nov., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

Hongkong, October 20, 1879. no3

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "EMERALD ISLE,"

STAPLES, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, October 15, 1879.

FOR YLOILO.

The German Barque "H. UPMANN,"

WEBER, Master, will have immediate despatch as above.

For Light Freight, apply to

REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1879.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 British Bark "GLAMORGANSHIRE,"

ANGELL, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, September 25, 1879.

FOR HAMBURG.

The A 1 German Bark "HANS,"

LE MOUZE, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to

VOGEL & Co.

Hongkong, September 25, 1879.

when, after some further evidence, Mr. Wainwright summed up the case on behalf of the Guild. The Taoist reserved his decision, which he announced he would communicate to the parties through the proper channels.

An interesting rifle match between the Shanghai and Kobe Volunteers took place simultaneously in each port on the 15th. The Shanghai team consisted of the following shots, and we append their scores:—
Private Williams...79
Sergeant Glass...69
Lieut. Tucker...79
Corp. Johnston...68
Sergeant Lanning...70
Priv. Ambrose...67
Priv. Vincent...70
Malherbe...68
The total score was thus 560, giving an average of 70 per man. Seven shots at each of the three ranges, 160, 200 and 300 yards. In response to a telegram, announcing the above result, a message was received from Kobe to the effect that the Kobe team had scored a total of no less than 631, the highest individual score being 83. The *News* hears that there will be a return challenge.

Mr. James Parker, who has for five years filled most satisfactorily the second clerkship in the Magistracy, vacates his appointment as from to-day, and proceeds by an early steamer to Perak, where he undertakes the assistant commissionership of Police. Mr. Parker, during his seventeen years in China, has held various public appointments, and in Hongkong was for several years in the Registrar General's Office under the Hon. C. C. Smith, the present Straits Settlements Colonial Secretary. By his invariable courtesy and willingness to assist, advise and oblige, Mr. Parker has made himself singularly popular amongst those who have to seek redress, advice or information at the Magistracy. By his departure the clerkship of the Government Fire Brigade becomes vacant, and musionally the Secretaryship of the Victoria and United Service Lodges and the high position of Scribe E. of the Royal Arch, Victoria Chapter, are deprived of their present incumbent.

We have received a printed copy of the Rules and Regulations for the receipt and transmission of telegrams on and after 1st April, 1880, issued by the E. E. A. & China Telegraph Company. The Singapore Manager states that "in order to acquaint the public at the earliest possible moment with the alterations which have been effected by the recent Telegraph Congress, the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company has issued its Revised Rules and Regulations for the receipt and transmission of telegrams on and after 1st April, 1880. Merchants and others have now six clear months in which to correct their codes, so as to bring them into harmony with the requirements of the Convention." It may be possible to comprehend the meaning of the paragraphs in time: we cannot say that time has yet arrived for us, but we live in hope, and may have a word to say by and by.

In connection with the Chief Justice's remarks yesterday that "it was very curious, but so it was, and in this Colony it had been remarkably so, that there seemed to be regular tides of crime; in this Colony there had always been tides of crime; there was at one time a tide of burglaries, then a tide of ring-snatching from women's ears with violence, then a tide of attacks for purposes of robbery with great violence such as created a great noise when he (the Chief Justice) was absent from the Colony, then there was a tide of murders, and now this tide was sweeping over this Colony, of child-stealing and connected offences, a tide which he hoped to be able to stem,"—we may add another interesting fact which probably not many of our readers have noticed. Not only criminal matters but nearly all matters of newspaper interest come not singly but in battalions. Fires generally come in twos and threes; shipping casualties never come singly; even leading men going home, and these are misfortunes too, always come before us in twos and threes. Accidents and sudden deaths are peculiarly susceptible to this rule. Of this class for instance we published last night the death by falling overboard of the mate of a vessel in the harbour, and hard-working Mr. Creagh has before him just now these several "Crowners' quests"—one man found drowned; one suicide by hanging; four children suffocated by fumes of boiling quicksilver; one man killed at the Praya accident yesterday,—in all seven deaths (eight including the mate) out of the ordinary course of Nature, all within a day or two.

We observe that a movement was in progress in Nagasaki to entertain Professor Nordenfalk on his arrival at that port, and that a dinner is to be given to the distinguished explorer. The *Rising Sun* gives the names of the gentlemen forming the Committee, one having been elected from each nationality, as follows:—
American, W. P. Mangum; Chinese, Wong

You Kiang; Danish, J. V. Petersen; Dutch, Dr. Fock; English, T. B. Glover; French, V. Pignatelli; German, H. Iversen; Japanese, Siga; Norwegian, H. M. Floe; Russian, A. E. Olarovsky. A correspondent in the *N. C. D. News* gives a list of the toasts, by which it appears that the health of the illustrious explorer will be proposed three times—first in English, next in Chinese, and finally in Japanese. The same writer says:—"The U. S. flag-ship *Richmond* is expected here in a few days, and we will doubtless have the Admiral's band to add to the festive occasion. The French flag-ship *Armistice* and the English flag-ship *Iron Duke*, it is thought, will also arrive about the time of the proposed dinner, and I learn that the Prince of Savoy will be here shortly in his corvette. We will doubtless have a brilliant time, and Nagasaki will show some of her old-fashioned hospitality."

The *World*, or *Atlas* rather, in the *World*, refers to Dave Carson as "the 'Pony' Moore of our Indian Empire, even to the display of diamonds in his short-front," and tells us that "Dave, who is really an Iberian Jew, never performs out of Hindustan, where he is a great favourite." There are thousands, we may inform *Atlas*, who were never in Hindustan,—some at the time of their enjoying his quips and cranks many thousands of miles away from Hindustan—who have laughed heartily over and over again, year after year, at Dave and his nonsense, and admired the artistic excellence of his several companies. What *Atlas* means by "his native version of 'Champagne Charley'" is more than we can make out. "The Bengalee Baboo" is his cleverest song; the air is purely a Hindu one, and the native song from which it is taken may be heard any night in the native Bazaars in Calcutta, and now and again at the native theatres, which are great things in their way. His "Dak-Gharry" is almost as good as the "Bengalee," but like it has the disadvantage of not being readily enjoyed or appreciated, far less understood, by anyone who hasn't made India his home and come to know the character thus taken off. We are informed by authorities more trustworthy than *Atlas* that Carson left England on the 22nd September with a new troupe of seventeen members, the largest, we think, he has ever brought out. Whether he will extend his tour this year as far as China, we are not aware. It will probably depend upon circumstances.

REMARKING on the recent venture of the Mitsui Bishi S.S. Co., the *Hogo News* says:—"The departure of the Mitsui Bishi steamship *Nitigata-maru* for Hongkong inaugurates an era in the commercial history of Hogo, which is worthy of more than passing notice. The *Nitigata-maru* carries a considerable amount of cargo and several passengers on this her pioneer trip, and we confidently look forward to the ultimate development of a lucrative carrying trade for the enterprising company who have established the line. They certainly deserve to succeed, and we have every confidence in their eventual success. The records of the Custom House afford every prospect of a remunerative traffic in the present, and a much more promising future."

THERE is room for speculation, says the *Bombay Gazette*, as to what effect news of recent events at Kabul will have at Mandalay. The relations between our Government and Upper Burma have not been of the most friendly nature for some time past, and it may be doubted if intelligence of the Kabul disaster will not induce Theobald to indulge in some sort of hostility which will necessitate British interference in that quarter. Fortunately he has little to do on hand already, which may prove sufficient to engage his attention. We are informed that the difficulties between the Burmese Government and their recalcitrant subjects on the Irrawaddy above Mandalay is as far from settlement as ever. The villagers on the advance of the Burmese forces simply ran away to the Kakhyen hills, and sent threatening messages that they will burn any villages on the banks of the river which are hostile to them. The Burmese do not care to advance into the Kakhyen jungles, where they would most likely fall into a mine ambush. They therefore content themselves by occupying the villages on the banks of the river from which the rebels have made their escape.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON.—Report for Presentation to the Shareholders at the Sixth Ordinary Meeting, to be held at the Society's Office, on Monday, 27th October:—

The Directors have now to submit to the Shareholders the Report on the business of the Society for the year 1878 and for the six months ending 30th June, 1879.

1878.—The net Premium collected for the year, after deducting Returns and Re-insurances, amounts to \$919,810.35.

It will be noticed from the annexed Statement of Working Account that after providing for the payment of \$545,055.15 as an Interim Bonus, Dividend and Reserve Fund declared last May, the balance at Credit is \$161,940.48.

Of this amount the Directors propose to pay a Second Bonus of 5% on Contributions, a Second Dividend of \$31.26 per Share, and to place the usual proportion, viz: \$6,868.88 to Reserve Fund, which will absorb a sum of \$68,171.03. This leaves a balance of \$83,769.45, against which there are claims and losses still unpaid, estimated at \$83,000, thus closing the account for 1878.

The outturn of the business for 1878 will doubtless be satisfactory to the Shareholders, the net profit for the year amounting to \$411,226.18, divided as follows:—
Return of 80% on Contributions, \$274,158.20
Dividend of \$191.90 per Share... 95,950.00
Placed to Reserve Fund... 41,122.98
\$411,226.18

1879.—The position of the Society for the present year as far as it can be ascertained, is as follows:—
Balance of Working Account...\$352,471.27
Add—Estimated Premiums earned since, less Re-insurances, Return Premiums and Charges...\$245,000.00
\$597,471.27

Deduct—Estimate of Losses and Claims known to date...\$160,000.00
Credit balance...\$437,471.27

Directors.—Owing to the resignation of the Hon. H. Lowcock, on leaving the Colony, the Directors elected the Hon. H. B. Gibb to fill the vacancy.

In accordance with clause 109 of the Articles of Association Messrs. H. Hoppius and H. B. Gibb retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—Mr. Geo. O. Scott having resigned, the Board appointed Mr. R. Innes to audit the present accounts. Mr. J. H. Cox and Mr. R. Innes retire, but offer themselves for re-election.

P. RYRIE, Chairman.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

The yearly meeting of the shareholders of the above Office was held at the head-office this afternoon, when there were present the Hon. W. Keewick, (chairman) who presided, Hon. P. Ryrie, and Messrs Dalrymple, F. D. Sassoon, H. H. Nelson, A. P. M'Kewen, C. D. Bottomley, J. C. Remedios and D. Ruttonjee.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report which is now submitted to you, and which, with your permission, we shall consider as read, states so fully the results of the business of the office 1878 that it seems to me superfluous to add anything to it. The net gain is large, and I have no doubt will prove satisfactory to the shareholders. The year that we are now in, '879, commenced with some severe losses, and unfortunately they have recurred at intervals, the total loss of the *Argyll* last month affecting us to the extent of \$10,000. After making the fullest provision, however, for all known claims, we have \$162,000 at the credit, and from some agencies the returns are only to end of July. The amount of premium collected is less than at the corresponding period last year, which I understand is likewise the case with other local offices, and is attributable to the general depression from which trade has suffered, and also to changes in the channels of local business formerly followed. I trust, gentlemen, that you and all our shareholders will continue to give the office the utmost support, and from the returns which for so long a series of years the office has made, you may feel confident in obtaining a satisfactory result.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Ryrie seconded the motion; and it was adopted.

Before putting this motion the Chairman called for any questions, but no shareholder had any information to ask for.

Mr. Ryrie proposed the declaration of a second dividend of \$104.80 per share and a second return on contributions of ten per cent. Mr. Dalrymple seconded the proposition; and it was carried.

Mr. Ruttonjee proposed and Mr. Remedios seconded the reappointment of the existing Consulting Committee, Messrs Gibb, Ryrie, Sassoon, Dalrymple and Manger. Carried.

Mr. Ruttonjee proposed, and Mr. Remedios seconded, the re-election of Mr. John Robinson, and Mr. A. P. M'Kewen as auditors. Carried.

The Chairman stated that the dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson proposed a vote of thanks to the Consulting Committee, remarking that the Company was working very satisfactorily, and that the shareholders could not but feel much indebted to them for their trouble.

The Chairman said the general agents and the Consulting Committee would continue to do their utmost to keep the Company up to its present satisfactory position, but they must be well supported by the shareholders.

There was no other business.

THE POISONING OF FOUR CHILDREN.

THE INQUEST.

The inquest in connection with this sad case of which we gave particulars yesterday, was resumed this afternoon at the Magistracy, before Mr. Creagh, as Coroner, and a jury composed of Messrs E. Georg, J. P. Lemcke, and M. C. Grote. The following evidence was given:—

Dr. Marques.—On the 19th instant about half-past eleven, a girl, Lee Yow Sing, aged 10, and a boy, Cheong Akow, aged 7, were brought to the Government Civil Hospital. I examined them immediately. They were laboring under great depression, as if they had sustained a severe shock. They complained of a pain in their chest. Both showed symptoms of poisoning. The boy died at 4 o'clock and the girl about half-past 4. I made a post-mortem examination. Both the children were well nourished, and neither of them bore external marks of violence. The liver also was congested. The bile was extravasated in the small intestines. I did not find anything abnormal in the stomach, brains or kidneys. I found a small trace of mercury in the lungs. From these symptoms I conclude they both died of mercurial poisoning. I also examined the bodies of the two other children. One was brought into Hospital yesterday about 4 p.m.; the other boy was brought in on Sunday last, the 19th instant, about noon. Both were dead when they arrived. I held a post-mortem examination on the bodies yesterday. The symptoms were precisely similar to those of the other two children. The right lung in both cases was enlarged, the left much congested. Death in these cases also resulted from mercurial poisoning. The fumes of mercury would produce these symptoms. Vapour of mercury would act on the lungs, the metal itself would act on the stomach.

Leo Akim.—I am employed by the landlord of the lane as a watchman, to look after the unoccupied houses. On the morning of the 17th the master of the Tai Chan, a looking-glass shop, asked me to lend him an empty house to hold some quicksilver in as he could not do so in his own shop. I let him have the key of the ground floor of No. 21, which was vacant. About a quarter past 10 o'clock I heard people say something about

smoke coming up into their house. The door was locked, and I asked him to open it. I went inside the house. The first witness and others came in to have a look at the house. I saw charcoal burning on the ground, and there were four jars, two on the floor and two on the ground. I saw no danger, and I went away leaving the jars just as I found them. About 2 p.m. I went back and found defendant putting out the fire. I told him he would also have to wash the ground. The door was then open. The jars were just as before. I could not see the contents of the jars, but he told me there was quicksilver in them. He then took away the jars to his own house and cleaned up the place and gave me the key. I looked the door and went away. I heard nothing more till the morning of the 19th, when I was told that one of the children of the first witness was dead. I saw the child in the looking glass shop. I tried to find the people belonging to the shop, but have not seen them. I am not in the habit of letting empty houses for this purpose. He has only been in the lane for a month. I don't know where he came from. I saw the master and all the people of the shop at 9 a.m. on the 19th.

By the Jury.—I do not know that the vapour of quicksilver is poisonous.

Inspector Thomson stated that he had been unable to find any one who carried on the trade of looking-glass maker. Every one whom he had asked said it was not a usual trade in Hongkong; they had not seen it.

The Coroner said it was rather unfortunate that they were unable to discover the usual practice of the trade by the Chinese. Every one carrying on a trade in a deadly article was bound to use proper precautions in such work. His Worship then read extracts from authorities explaining the law bearing on this subject.

The Jury returned a verdict of culpable homicide against Pang Atung, the man who boiled the quicksilver the deadly fumes from which were inhaled by the deceased.

The Coroner remarked that the verdict delivered against this man Pang Atung, amounted to a charge of manslaughter.

THE FATAL ACCIDENT ON THE PRAYA.

INQUEST.

An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital this afternoon before the Coroner C. V. Creagh, Esq., and the following gentlemen as a jury: viz, Messrs H. Matchett, G. W. Butt and J. Lamko, on the body of one Foo Chow Min. The following evidence was taken.

Mr. George Bayne.—I am a foreman in the Surveyor General's Department. Yesterday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock a number of coolies, of which deceased was one, were engaged swinging a block of granite by means of a travelling crane from the roadway on the Praya to the new wall being erected there. I am not in charge of the work. The deceased was employed by a contractor. On swinging the crane into its place the whole structure overbalanced and fell into the harbour. Deceased had hold of a screw that works the rear balance. He held on to this and was swung right out on to the coping stone. If he had let go he would have been all right. The box on the back with the balance fell on him and crushed him up against a coping stone. I was about 25 feet behind him when this occurred. When I went to him he was quite senseless and blood was flowing from some part of his body; I could not tell what part, he was so doubled up. One of the masons present got him out while I went for the ambulance. He was alive when taken up, but died before the dead box arrived. He never spoke after the accident.

By the Jury.—The back balance box is filled with stones. Stones are also placed on top of the box. The box was not in this instance run to its full extent. Deceased should have screwed it out before the stone was raised from the ground, but he had not done so. I believe the cause of the accident to be that the crane was swung round too quickly while the balance was not pulled far enough back. One coolie stands on the crane and takes charge. He was standing on the top and was thrown into the water. The stone was not unusually large. No accident ever occurred before.

Dr. Wharry.—I am Superintendent of the Government Civil Hospital. The body of deceased was brought to the Hospital yesterday about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was recently dead. It was that of a Chinese male about 17 years of age. The right hand and upper left arm were crushed. There were several severe abrasions on different parts of the body. Death appeared to have resulted from concussion of the brain.

U Aman.—I am a stonecutter, employed on the Praya Wall. Deceased was my classman, and was also employed there. Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock deceased was working near me at a crane when it capsize and threw him down. He was standing in front of the balance box in rear of the crane. I assisted some other coolies to get deceased out from among the stones. He died immediately he was taken to the Hospital. I am quite sure deceased was standing on the crane. The man who works the back balance screw always stands on the crane in front of the box. The back balance screw is outside and behind the box. (Witness now admitted that deceased was standing on the ground. It was another man who was on the crane.) The man standing on the crane is in charge of it. The stone that was being lifted was rather heavier than the others lifted by this crane. The stones are not all the same size, but several stones as long as this one have been moved before. The crane has once threatened to capsize before, but has never actually gone. The crane is the property of the Government and is worked by the contractor.

The Jury returned a verdict of "accidental death." The Coroner concurred in the verdict of the jury, and said it was quite evident that no one but the deceased himself was to blame.

Police Intelligence.
(By the Hon. C. B. P. (Punket).
Tuesday, October 21.

EXTENSIVE THEFT OF COOLIES' CLOTHES.
(Chia Atung, a coolie, was charged with (1) stealing a jacket, a pair of trousers, a handkerchief, a pair of stockings, a pair of pants and 800 cash (total value \$1.50) from Foo Apan, and (2) 3 jackets, 3 pairs of trousers, 1 bag, 1 purse, 1 girdle, 1 pair

of shoes, 4 pieces of silver, 4 boxes of matches, and 200 cash (total value \$1.20) from Yip Mok Li, a coolie, both offences being alleged to have been committed at the Race Course on the 20th inst. The first complainant is a coolie employed at the Race Course and living at the Grand Stand; second coolie lives with his wife. The prisoner had broken open their boxes in their absence and was found walking off with his bulky booty by P. S. Kay, who apprehended him. He was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for each larceny, six months in all.

CHINESE CUSTOM.

In a case of assault (dismissed) Kwang Aying, wife of the accused Chan Ho Tsing, a hawk, in evidence said of her husband, the accused: "My husband is a good man. The worst thing about him is, he has a lover. I am not a bit jealous of her." Of course the man who got such a splendid character got off.

OBSTRUCTING THE PRAYA.

Lo Akat, shopman, was fined \$2 for obstructing the Praya, quite blocking up the street with about 200 bags of sugar and all the apparatus usually employed in weighing and packing sugar. Some thirty men were employed and passage was impossible.

Fok King Wan, another shopman, was similarly fined for a similar offence.

DRUNK AND INCAPABLE.

Thomas King, an American, engineer unemployed, was fined \$1 for the above offence.

SELLING SPIRITS WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Franz Klampertmyer, keeper of "The International Café and Restaurant," Wellington Street, was charged with selling spirituous liquors in less quantities than two gallons, without a license, in contravention of Ord. No. 11 of 1844, sec. 22. The offence was alleged to have been committed on the morning of the 16th inst., shortly after midnight. Sergeant Toomey had the case in hand, and when the case was last before the Court, had called P. C. Grieve and a sailor friend, both of whom were served with brandy to the extent of three glasses. These witnesses were now recalled to allow Mr. Stephen, who appeared for the accused, to cross-examine them. Mr. Wootton now appeared for the prosecution. The case occupied the Court some time to-day, and stands further adjourned until to-morrow (Wednesday) at ten o'clock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

October 21st.

SIR,—Although as a Chinaman I may be disqualified from venturing any opinion on a question of Chinese social life, because, you know, foreigners in Hongkong understand Chinese affairs so much better than we Chinese do, I beg of you to allow me a remark or two.

The philosopher Chwang Tze once woke up and said "he had had a long dream in which he dreamt that he was a butterfly, but when he awoke, whilst believing himself to be Chwang Tze, it occurred to him that he was after all but a butterfly now dreaming that he was Chwang Tze."

This shows that Chwang Tze was at any rate a consistent thinker.

His Lordship the Chief Justice lately woke up on the Bench and said he had had a long dream in which he dreamt that for over fifteen years he was residing in Hongkong as Attorney General and Judge, and that all that time he fancied that the Slavery to which the English Slave Trade Acts referred was one thing, and that the bondage in which Chinese domestic servants were held in Hongkong was another, but now, believing himself to be the greatest anti-Slavery champion of those latter days, Sir Wilfrid Force IL, it did not occur to him for a moment to think that possibly he might have really been awake during the last fifteen years or more, and be dreaming now.

This shows that His Lordship is at any rate not as consistent a thinker as Chwang Tze was.

A CHINAMAN.

P.S.—If His Lordship was wrong all these fifteen years regarding this one point, and set it right only now, may there not be other points too regarding which he might consistently reverse previous decisions? I like to see an English Judge who is consistent.

CHINA.

SHANGHAI.

(News.)

The P. and O. steamer *Arcona* has at length (14th) managed to cross that for midable obstacle the Wooming Bar, and come up to her moorings at Shanghai—but not before she had discharged the greater part of her cargo below the bar.

The steamer *Amoy*, Captain Drewes, arrived on 14th, having experienced rough weather on her passage up from Hongkong. She reports that she left there on the forenoon of the 8th instant, and for three days experienced strong N.E. gales and high seas. Had to lay the steamer to for twenty-two hours, the seas breaking clean over her, washing away the deck cargo and moveable things on deck. On the 10th had to go half-speed for eight hours, through the sea breaking over the vessel. Afterwards had variable winds and fine weather, followed by strong N.N.W. winds and rainy weather to port.

Pootung Point, at its present rate of extension, is bidding fair to shortly enter into rivalry with the Wooming Bar as an obstacle to navigation. It is not many days since a large ocean going steamer narrowly escaped grounding on it, and the chances of collision between passing vessels nearing each other at this Point are becoming more frequent, in consequence of their having to give it so wide a berth on the one hand, and the Police Hulk, Soochow Creek shallow, etc., on the other. Yesterday morning (14th) the steamer *Patchoy* got ashore on the Point, and in consequence did not get away on her voyage till hours after her time.

The prospects for the formation of the Shanghai Telephone Company has at length been issued by the promoter, Mr. C. O. Sonns, sub-engineer of the Great Northern Telegraph Company. Similar companies formed in several of the great commercial centres of the United States and Great Britain appear to have been singularly successful, and we see no reason why the proposal to establish a local company should not meet with approval. As an example, we may cite Manchester, where in little more than a week, as stated in one of the last mail papers, after the subject of establishing a Lancashire Telephone

Exchange on the American model was introduced to the notice of business men, about fifty of the most important mercantile firms signified their approval of the scheme and their desire to become subscribers.

By the steamer *Glencoe*, which leaves Shanghai to-day (16th) for New York, Colonel J. C. S. Colby, formerly United States Consul at Chinkiang, and family, take passage. We are sure that we are only giving expression to the feeling of all who know Colonel Colby, when we say his departure from China is to be regretted; and we trust that he will arrive home safely. We feel sure, also, from the Colonel's well known abilities, that we have not heard the last of him.

(Courier.)
The M. A. Dixon and Willie were loading at Hakodadi on the 1st instant for Shanghai.

H. M. S. *Maggie* returned to port this afternoon (14th) from the mouth of the Yangtze, as it was found impossible to continue surveying operations owing to the dirty state of the weather outside.

A telegram from Adelaide, dated the 19th September, in the *Northern Territory Times*, says:—"Opening of Sydney Exhibition, a splendid spectacle; the weather, which had been bad for some days, turned out lovely. Lord Loftus performed the opening ceremony, and made a short but appropriate speech. The Prince of Wales intends to visit Sydney before the Exhibition closes."

H. M. S. *Modeste* arrived in port to-day (16th) from the Chusan Group. She is going to make an extended stay in port.

We understand that the British barque *Peiham* was arrested yesterday (15th) for debt, at the instance of her master, Captain Ackford.

We note the arrival of O. F. von Möllendorff, who has been for the last three years Acting Consul for the German Empire at Tientsin. He takes his brother's place here as interpreter at the German Consulate General, and as German Assessor at the Mixed Court, till the arrival of Mr. C. Fiendul, who is now at home on leave.

We note that Mr. C. L. Simpson, late Commissioner of Customs, Chofoo, has been transferred as Commissioner to Kiang, and superseded Mr. B. T. Holwell, who has been acting as clerk-in-charge since the departure of Mr. Commissioner Kopsch. He leaves for his new post by the *Hankow* to-morrow morning (18th.)

Japan.

NAGASAKI.

(Rising Sun, Oct. 11.)

The gunboats *Sylvia* and *Hornet* left here on Monday last, the former for the Goto, and the latter for a cruise, from which she returned on Thursday. The German *Cyclops* also left on the same day for Tientsin. The *Hart* arrived from Yokohama yesterday. Men-of-war in harbour—*Hornet* and *Hart*; expected—U. S. flag-ship *Richmond*, French flag-ship *Armide*, and Russian gun-boat *Tongous*.

A report was in circulation in Yokohama to the effect that the *Vigilant* had in some way come to grief. We are able to state that she arrived safely at Chofoo on the 8th and left again on the 18th ult.

We hear that the duplex system of telegraphy, by which messages can be sent and received on one wire, at the same time, has just been successfully introduced upon the Government lines between Nagasaki and Yokohama.

Mr. E. B. Paul, H.B.M.'s Consular Assistant here, took passage in the *Oceanic* yesterday for London, on leave of absence.

OSAKA.

The *Hogo News* correspondent says everything continues very quiet in Osaka. Cholera is not quite extinct yet. There are three or four deaths from this source every day.

Iron safes, in large numbers, are being manufactured in Osaka and Sakai. They are not badly put together, but I see the makers are pirating English makers' names and the British coat-of-arms. The spelling of the proper names abounds with errors, and the fraud can therefore easily be detected—by Europeans, whose eyes, however, the article is not intended to catch. A strong protest ought to be entered, by all dealers in imported safes, against such fraudulent practices.

I think it has not yet been mentioned in the *Hogo News* that several trains on the Kobe-Kioto railway are now being engineered entirely by native drivers; so far, without accident.

THE NEW CONSUL-GENERAL FOR SIAM.

Siam has to be congratulated in the British Government's choice of a successor to Consul General Knox. Mr. William Gifford Palgrave, who, Rutter states, has been appointed Resident of Siam—though why that should be substituted for the title of Consul General does not seem clear—is a distinguished litterateur, a clever diplomatist, and in private life a charming, genial gentleman. He is the son of Sir Francis Palgrave, and like his elder brother has made his name in literature. He was born in Westminster, Jan. 24, 1826, and received his education at the Charterhouse and at Trinity College, Oxford, where he took first-class honours in 1846. He was appointed in 1847 a second Lieutenant in the 8th Bombay Native Infantry. Leaving India in 1853, he travelled in Arabia and other parts of the Turkish empire till 1863, and on his return to Europe received the gold medal of the French Geographical Society. Mr. Palgrave was sent out by the English Government on special service for the release of Consul Cameron and the other prisoners in Abyssinia, in July, 1865, and remained in Egypt, by order, till June, 1866, when he returned to England. He was appointed Consul at Soukhoum-Kale July 23, 1866, at Trebizond May 20, 1867, and at the island of St. Thomas, February 19, 1873. Mr. Palgrave is the author of a work of great merit, entitled "Narrative of a Year's Journey through Central and Eastern Arabia (1862-63)," 2 vols., 1865, which has been translated into French by M. E. Jouveaux. In the preface the author states that "at the time of the undertaking he was in connection with the order of Jesuits, an order well known in the annals of philanthropic daring; he is also grateful to acknowledge that the necessary funds were furnished by the liberality of the present Emperor of the French." His subsequent works are:—"Essays on Eastern Questions," 1872, and "Hermann Agha: an Eastern Narrative," a novel in 2 vols., 1872. Mr. Palgrave acted as British Consul in Manila for twelve months, after which he resigned the appointment.—*Straits Times*.

THE CHINA MAIL.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusion of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gna Works.
 2. From Gna Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Captain.	Flag and Rig.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Ancona	2 b	Stead	Brit.	str.	1965	Oct. 21	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Europe, &c.
Bombay	2 h	Stead	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Costan Dock
Batavia	2 h	Stead	Brit.	str.	749	Feb. 12	Kwok Acheong	Costan Dock
Conquest	5 h	Elphick	Brit.	str.	709	Oct. 17	Russell & Co.	Holhow & Halphong
Craigland	5 h	Smith	Brit.	str.	561	Oct. 13	Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok
Danube	2 h	Clancy	Brit.	str.	514	Oct. 18	Russell & Co.	Manila
Diamante	5 h	Thebaud	Brit.	str.	117	.....	H. K. & W. P. Co.	Yama & S. P. Co.
Fame	5 h	Stopani	Brit.	str.	1712	Sept. 24	O. & O. S. S. Co.	London, &c.
Gaelic	5 h	Kidley	Brit.	str.	1374	Oct. 20	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Holhow
Glenartney	5 h	Auld	Brit.	str.	281	Oct. 16	Russell & Co.	Coast Ports
Hainan	5 h	Conner	Amer.	str.	883	Oct. 21	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Shanghai
Namoa	5 h	Westoby	Brit.	str.	761	Oct. 21	Siemens & Co.	Coast Ports
Ningpo	4 h	Cass	Brit.	str.	606	May 31	Kwok Acheong	Australian Ports
Norna	4 h	Lore	Brit.	str.	971	Oct. 14	O. & O. S. S. Co.	London, &c.
Oceanic	5 h	Webber	Brit.	str.	3707	Oct. 24	China Traders' Insurance Co.	.....
Sea Gull	8 h	Haydon	Amer.	str.	48	Mar. 16	Siemens & Co.	.....
Yangtze	.....	Schultze	Brit.	str.	782	Oct. 16	Siemens & Co.	.....
Sailing Vessels								
Adelaide Norris	4 c	Woodward	Amer.	bge.	719	Aug. 11	Vogel & Co.	New York
Alexander Yeats	3 c	Dunham	Port.	sh.	632	Aug. 31	Russell & Co.	San Francisco
Alva	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burg van Middelburg	5 h	Blanken	Dutch	bge.	340	Oct. 7	Melchers & Co.	.....
Beethoven	4 h	Haje	Ger.	bge.	1168	Oct. 6	.....	.....
Belle of Oregon	7 c	Merriman	Siam.	sh.	779	Oct. 16	Chinese	Shanghai
Canton	2 c	Knaudson	Fch.	bge.	337	Sept. 21	Carlowitz & Co.	New York
Chateaubriand	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chocola	4 h	Kennett	Amer.	sh.	1686	Oct. 20	Vogel & Co.	New York
Emerald Isle	5 h	Staples	Fch.	bge.	890	Oct. 13	Landstein & Co.	New York
Ernest	4 h	Herve	Amer.	bge.	893	Aug. 24	Russell & Co.	.....
Excelsior	5 h	Eddy	Siam.	sh.	650	Sept. 26	Kin Tye Loong	.....
Fabius	2 c	Reeves	Brit.	sm. sh.	244	Oct. 12	Adamson, Bell & Co.	New York
Floral Star	4 h	Davison	Amer.	bge.	1083	July 11	Russell & Co.	New York
Fred. P. Litchfield	4 h	Spalding	Ger.	bge.	402	Oct. 3	Wieler & Co.	New York
Gesine Brons	4 h	Trimbach	Brit.	bge.	457	Sept. 21	Vogel & Co.	.....
Glamorganshire	4 h	Anger	Ger.	bge.	656	Sept. 22	Siemens & Co.	Holhow
Gustav	4 h	Raben	Ger.	bge.	426	Oct. 2	Remedios & Co.	Bangkok
H. Upmann	5 h	Webber	Ger.	bge.	310	Sept. 11	Vogel & Co.	.....
Haus	3 h	Le Mout	Brit.	bge.	572	Oct. 6	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London
Harrington	4 h	Porter	Brit.	bge.	405	Oct. 20	Vogel & Co.	London
Hazel Holme	3 h	Milligan	Amer.	sh.	1352	June 19	Vogel & Co.	London
Highlander	4 h	Hutchinson	Brit.	bge.	578	Oct. 6	Vogel & Co.	London
Hopewell	2 c	Longlois	Amer.	bge.	670	July 26	Vogel & Co.	London
J. A. Borland	4 h	Kent	Ger.	bge.	802	Oct. 1	Melchers & Co.	London
Joseph Haydn	5 h	Raben	Brit.	bge.	434	Aug. 20	Fan Keng Ho	London
Jules Dufaur	4 h	Willgen	Russ.	bge.	690	Aug. 18	Vogel & Co.	London
Kalaja	1 c	Roos	Siam.	bge.	329	Oct. 2	Chinese	London
Kim Yong Tye	2 c	Kofoed	Brit.	sm. sh.	223	Oct. 18	Captain	London
Lizzie	2 c	Soderstrom	Siam.	bge.	424	Oct. 3	Chinese	London
Lucky	2 c	Soderstrom	Siam.	bge.	330	Sept. 28	Carlowitz & Co.	London
Mangerton	4 h	Thompson	Siam.	sh.	711	Oct. 12	Yuen Fat Hong	London
Norseman	4 h	Johnson	Ger.	bge.	251	Oct. 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	London
Pelbo	3 h	Christiansen	Siam.	bge.	454	Sept. 22	Carlowitz & Co.	London
Princess Seraph	3 h	Mitchan	Siam.	bge.	387	Oct. 19	Siemens & Co.	London
Race Horse	2 h	Stahmer	Brit.	sm. sh.	340	Oct. 19	Thomas & Mercer	London
Rosebud	4 h	Collie	Span.	sch.	250	Oct. 12	Remedios & Co.	London
San Lorenzo	7 h	Gibbs	Amer.	sh.	1129	Oct. 16	Captain	London
Southern Cross	7 h	Vincent	Amer.	sch.	81	Aug. 27	W. H. Ray	London
Spartan	7 h	Blaker	Brit.	sh.	794	Aug. 28	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	London
Star of China	7 h	Cloagh	Amer.	sh.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	London
Sumatra	3 h	Buchmann	Siam.	sh.	635	Sept. 21	Chinese	London
Ta Hongkong	4 h	Stehr	Ger.	bge.	256	Oct. 2	Edward Schellhass & Co.	London
Tai Lee	4 h	Kirkpatrick	Brit.	bge.	585	Aug. 25	Vogel & Co.	London
Toowomba	4 h	Kallen	Ger.	bge.	558	Aug. 21	Vogel & Co.	London
Triton	4 h	Watland	Amer.	sh.	1303	Sept. 14	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	London
Twilight	4 h	Whiting	Brit.	bg.	255	Oct. 18	Edward Schellhass & Co.	London
Victory	4 h	Endicott	Amb. bkline.	sh.	487	Sept. 21	Russell & Co.	London
Wm. H. Deitz	3 c	Benedictson	Siam.	sh.	701	Sept. 6	Order	London
WEAMPOA								
Charité	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kirkland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lola	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ita	7 h	Chinese	gunboat	400	.....	.....	Oct. 15	F. E. Walker, R.N.
Foxhound	7 h	Chinese	gunboat	455	.....	.....	Oct. 12	Wm. H. G. Nowell
Frolic	7 h	Chinese	gun vessel	592	4	100	Sept. 23	Stuart H. Rickman
Li Tai	7 h	Chinese	gun vessel	2060	.....	.....	June 10	Yuen
Meeanee	6 h	Chinese	military hospital	2591	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sun-kee	7 h	Chinese	gunboat	180	5	60	June 23	J. H. Wade
Vencedora	7 h	Chinese	gunboat	3087	20	.....	Aug. 5	Francisco Alarcon
Victor Emanuel	7 h	Chinese	Commodore's flag-ship	400	.....	.....	.....	Commodore Smith
Zeta	7 h	Chinese	gunboat	400	.....	.....	Oct. 15	R. Paul, R.N.

HONGKONG, MACAO AND CANTON RIVER STEAMERS.

Name.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners.	Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
Jobang	700	Ogston	Butterfield and Swire	An-lan	221	7	70	J. Goldell
Kin Shan	457	Cary	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.	Chen-jui	80	3	20	A. Walker
Kiu Kiang	617	Hoyland	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.	Chen-to	221	7	70	Stewart
Powan	1890	Benning, A.	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.	Ching-on	120	2	40	Chinese Admiral
Sir J. Jejeebhoy	184	.....	Kwok Acheong	Ching-po	180	6	60	Chun H. Hu
Spark	140	.....	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.	Chun-tung	180	2	20	Read
Tung Ting	314	Degen	C. M. S. N. Co.	Li-shue	80	4	120	C. H. Palmer
White Cloud	280	Lefavour	H. C. & M. S.-boat Co.	Peng-chou-hai	600	4	40	Li Ping Tye
Yotsai	180	Brown	Kwok Acheong	Quang-on	120	4	40	J. H. Wade
				Sien-chi	180	5	60	J. B. Murray
				Sul-tung	160	4	60	Beard
				Tsing-tung	100	8	40	Ching

FOOCHOW SHIPPING IN PORT.

Name.	Tons.	Captain.	Owners.	Name.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Commander.
Haoting	H. C. Orsted	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iris	Kiang-ching	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lapwing	Kiang-foo	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mikado	Kiang-tung	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sir Lancelot	Kiang-yuen	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wandering Minstrel	Lee-yuen	.....	.....	.....	.....
White Adder	Nagoya Maru	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Newchwang	.....	.....	.....	.....
				Orestes
				Orissa
				Oxfordshire
				Panah
				Pekin
				Tai-yew
				W. C. de Vries
				Yang-tai
				Yangning

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TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. GAELIC will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama, on WEDNESDAY, October 22nd, 1879, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 21st October. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSAGE TICKETS. Consular Invoices to accompany Overland, Mexican, Central and South American Cargo, should be sent to the Company's Office addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight on Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central, H. M. BLANCHARD, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, September 27, 1879. cc22



STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, SOUTH-AMPTON, AND LONDON; VIA BOMBAY.

ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship ANCONA, Capt. E. G. STEAD, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 26th October, at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed via Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route. Silk and Valuables will be transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to A. Molyer, Superintendent, Hongkong, October 13, 1879. cc25

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLES; ALSO, BOMBAY, MAHE, ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 1st November, 1879, at Noon, the Company's S. S. YANGTSE, Commandant PELEGRI, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe. Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 31st October, 1879. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required. For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office. G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent. Hongkong, October 20, 1879. nol

THE S. S. SUMIDA MARU, Captain, due here on or about the instant, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 1st November. Cargo received on board until 6 p.m. of 31st October, and Parcels at the Office up to 10 a.m. of day of sailing. No Bill of Lading signed under \$2 Freight. All Claims must be settled on board before delivery is taken, otherwise they will not be recognized.

RATES OF PASSAGE. To Kobe..... Cabin \$60. Steerage \$15. To Yokohama & Do. \$75. Do. \$20. To Nagasaki..... Do. \$75. Do. \$20. A REDUCTION is made on RETURN CASH PASSAGES. CARGO AND PASSENGERS for Nagasaki will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail Steamer at Kobe. For further Particulars, apply at the Company's OFFICE, No. 6, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. Hongkong, October 20, 1879. nol

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR 1878, AND THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 1879.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the Year ending December 31st 1878, and for the SIX MONTHS from January 1st to June 30th 1879; in Order that the Distribution of the Portion of PROFITS Reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to October 31st next, will be adjusted by the Company and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. Hongkong, July 24, 1879. cc31

NOTICE. THE Undersigned have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING. Agents. ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co. Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879. 3cc80

COSMOPOLITAN DOCKS. W. B. SPRAIT & Co. have lately added an Extensive MACHINE SHOP and other APPLIANCES to the former Advantages of these Docks.

The DIMENSIONS of the DOCK are:—460 Feet, on the Blocks; 92 Feet Wide; Ordinary Tides, 21 Ft.; Spring Tides, 24 Ft. Office, 20, PRAYA CENTRAL, HONGKONG. Hongkong, October 4, 1879. 4cc80

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STORAGE. GOODS RECEIVED ON STORAGE in GODOWNS in PEDDAR'S WHARF BUILDINGS, at Moderate Terms. Apply to G. R. LAMBERT. Hongkong, August 9, 1879.

TO LET. ON MARINE LOT NO. 65, FIRST-CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS. Apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, July 25, 1879.

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POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profit, are distributed annually to Contributors whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

J. BRADLEE SMITH, Secretary. Hongkong, December 9, 1878.

YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION. CAPITAL (Fully Paid-up).....Tls. 420,000 PERMANENT RESERVE.....Tls. 230,000 SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....Tls. 206,370

TOTAL CAPITAL and ACCUMULATION, 25th April, 1879.....Tls. 856,370

Directors. F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman. M. W. BOYD, Esq. Wm. MEYERINK, Esq. O. LUCAS, Esq. S. D. WEBB, Esq.

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